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**Method and System for Pressure Estimation Using Subharmonic Signals
from MicroBubble-Based Ultrasound Contrast Agents**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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UNDER 37 CFR 1.56**

Applicants herein make available to the Patent and Trademark Office copies of the references, listed on Form PTO-1449 (PTO-2), in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

The Examiner is requested to consider carefully the complete text of these references in connection with the examination of this application. It is believed that the Examiner will concur with Applicant's belief that the foregoing references do not adversely affect the patentability of the subject matter presently claimed, taken alone or in combination.

It is requested that the listed references be included in the "References Cited" portion of any patent issuing from this application.

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Clifford K. Weber, Esq.

Signature of the Attorney

(3) **Petition**

☒ Applicants hereby petition the Assistant Commissioner to consider the references listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449, in the examination of the above-identified patent application.

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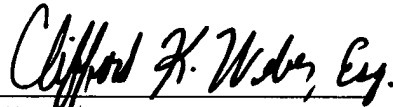
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Respectfully submitted,



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